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MR. SPEAKER :—" இதே உபகேள்வியைத்தான் வேறு ஒரு அங்கத்தினரும் கேட்டிருக்கிறார் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is a different question, namely, whether the Government should grant subsidy to the agriculturists and owners of land in the matter of supplying bulldozers. I have stated that the scheme is worked on a ' No-profit-no-loss ' basis."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have the Government got any statistics with regard to the land reclaimed by bull lozers during the last year? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. But I do not have them with me just now."

SRI N. C. RAMASAMY KANDER :—" வட ஆற்க்காடு ஜில்லாவில் எத்தனை bulldozer-கள் இருக்கின்றன ? அவற்றில் எத்தனை வேலை செய்கின்றன ? எத்தனை முடங்கிக்கிடக்கின்றன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Improvements to the tank of Kammalampundi village, Chingleput district.

* 263 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Kammalampundi in Kancheepuram taluk, Chingleput district, have been representing repeatedly that their village tank never got fully filled up for the past many years and that the matter should be investigated to improve the source of supply of this tank; and

(*b*) if so, whether the question was considered?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No such representations have been received by the Public Works Department of the Food Production Engineering Staff. A representation has, however been received by the Collector of Chingleput in this regard.

" (*b*) The question is under the consideration of the Public Works Department."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" In view of the fact that the matter is pending for over two decades, will the Hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to see that the matter is investigated and action taken to complete the work as early as possible? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. It was only on the 18th February that the Executive Engineer sent a communication to the subordinate officer to submit an estimate. Actually, the channel rests with the Revenue Department whereas the tank is under the control of the Public Works Department."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in the matter of silt clearance in village tanks, is it the policy of the Government to take action only after the receipt of complaints or reports from the villagers and, that too, after the lapse of two decades or is it the policy of the Government to keep a constant watch over the mismanagement and take proper action wherever necessary?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the question is on the general policy. A separate question may be put."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Apart from the matter of this silt clearance, may I know whether the Government will take this matter up in general so far as the Chingleput district is concerned?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is also a question of policy. Just now the Hon. Minister said he wanted notice. But, if he is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Yes, Sir. What I wanted to know is whether this matter will be considered generally with regard to the clearance of the tanks in the Chingleput district as a matter of policy."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, a separate question may be put and I shall answer."

Quota fixed for the appointment of I.A.S. and I.C.S. Officers as Collectors.

* 264 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the quota fixed for Indian Administrative Service and Indian Civil Service men in the Collectors' Grade in the Madras State Service;

(b) how much of the quota in (a) has been filled up;

(c) the quota fixed for the non-I.A.S. and Provincial Service men in the Collectors' Grade in the Madras State Service; and

(d) how much of the quota in (c) has been filled up?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) to (c) No separate quota is fixed in respect of officers of the I.C.S. and I.A.S. for appointment to the posts in the Collector's grade in the Indian Civil Administrative Cadre of this State. Hence the question of filling up the quota does not arise.

Before partition, out of a total of 105 senior duty posts (comprising several individual and groups of posts including posts in Collector's grade) borne on the combined Indian Civil Administrative Cadre of this State, 26 posts (representing 25 per cent of 105) were reserved to be filled by the